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RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PRS RAILWAY RESERVATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway has decided to upgrade PRS Railway Reservation System ;

(b) whether computerized PRS will be provided on all Railway Stations of Central Railway;

(c) whether newly provided PRS at Ghatkopar, Chembur, Mulund has got tremendous response;

(d) whether Railway has planned to expand the same on the line of these three stations;

(e) whether such PRS will be made available to Mankurd andother sub-urban Railway stations of Central Railwayas demanded by the commuters;

(f) if so, the policy and system of providing computerized reservation system and passenger reservation system; and

g) the budgetary provisions or action plan for 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 for expanding PRS ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)&(b): Upgradation of PRS System is anongoing process. Only major/important locations having adequate reservation related workload, tourist importance and District Headquaters are planned to be covered with PRS facilityin the coming years in a phased manner depending upon availability of funds and support from state Governments.

(c)&(d): PRS facility is generally welcomed by travellers and its expansion is regularly planned by Railways.

(e) A computerized reservation center has been provided at Vashi, 8 km away from Mankurd railway station. The commuters living in and around Mankurd can make use of the PRS at Vashi. Work is in progress for providing PRS centers at Dadar and Bycula.

(f) As per the new PRS policy, locations with reservation related workload of 100 transactions or more, all District Headquarters, and other important Stations and tourist centers will qualify for PRS facilities subject to availability of funds and support from State Governments.

(g): For the year 2001-02, Rs.4.21 corers have been provided for expansion of PRS. The Budgetary provision for the year 2002-03 will be decided at the time of presentation of Railway Budget 2002-03.